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State water organization recognizes clean water leader, Jan Boydston

BATON ROUGE – Jan Boydston, recently retired DEQ Senior Environmental Scientist, was honored with an award from the Association of Clean Water Administrators at the organizations 52nd Annual Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Boydston, who worked for DEQ for more than 24 years, received an Exceptional Service Award for her leadership in protecting the water of the state and innovation in finding ways to improve its quality. Boydston began her career at DEQ as the pioneer of the Nonpoint Source Program. She remained in the program throughout her state career working to remove impairments in Louisiana's waters. She recently wrote the state's Nonpoint Source Management Plan, worked with an interagency team to develop the state's Nutrient Management Strategy and developed a set of basin brochures for each of the state's river basins. Boydston chaired the state's Nonpoint Source Interagency Committee, comprised of more than 20 federal, state and local agencies, all working together to build a comprehensive watershed restoration program for Louisiana.

Boydston served on the Hypoxia Task Force, the Gulf of Mexico Program, Nutrient Management Team, USDA's State Technical Committee and represented the State of Louisiana at Association of Clean Water Administrators meetings, just to name a few. She was a departmental leader on state and national issues and played an active role with ACWA for many years. Recently, Boydston was Co-Chair for the Total Maximum Daily Loads/Watersheds Committee and provided leadership on EPA-State 319 and 303(d) long-term vision workgroups.

"I am honored to recognize these clean water experts," said Steve Gunderson, ACWA President. "They are among the best of our profession and their dedication and commitment to our nation's clean water is making a difference."

"Jan Boydston epitomes the environmental science profession," said Alex Appeaning, DEQ Deputy Secretary. "Throughout her career, Jan has consistently demonstrated an exemplary work ethic, a positive attitude, passion and a keen understanding of the water related challenges and opportunities facing Louisiana."